



Republic of the Philippines  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

CHED MEMORANDUM ORDER

NO. 42

Series of 1997

**SUBJECT : DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO CHED  
REGIONAL OFFICES RE ISSUANCE OF  
GOVERNMENT PERMIT TO PROGRAMS OF  
HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS**

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In accordance with the pertinent provisions of Republic Act (RA) 7722, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Act of 1994," and by virtue of Resolution No. 001, series of 1995, the CHED Regional Offices (CHEDROs) are hereby authorized to issue initial and renewal permits for programs of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in consonance with the policy of decentralization of authority in the government. Consequently, the following shall be adopted:

1. CHEDROs shall issue initial and subsequent year-level permits and renewal permits for all undergraduate courses.
2. CHED Central Office shall grant recognition for all undergraduate courses.
3. CHED Central Office shall grant initial and renewal permits and recognition for all graduate courses.
4. CHED Central Office shall issue CHED Orders authorizing public higher education institutions to offer new programs.

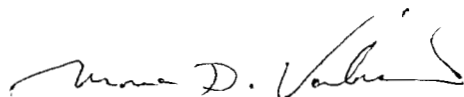
The moratorium on the opening of programs in the baccalaureate and graduate levels shall continue to be in force on all Health Courses, Maritime Education, Engineering, Teacher Education (except majors in Mathematics, Science and English), Accountancy, Commerce and Business (except majors in Finance and Entrepreneurship) programs .

As provided for in the Manual of Regulations, the deadline for submission of application for permits for the following school year shall be October 31 of the current year. If the application for permit is disapproved, only one appeal for reconsideration may be allowed, the deadline of which shall be one month prior to the opening of the proposed school year of operation. After which, the application shall be considered for the school year following the school year applied for.

Any violation of this Order and other CHED issuances shall be dealt with accordingly.

This CMO shall take effect immediately. All applications that have been forwarded to the CHED Central Office shall be acted upon by this Office.

Pasig City, Philippines, October 7, 1997



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